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PERSONAL AND MISCELLANEOUS NOTES¹

Henry C. Adams will resume his academic duties at the University of Michigan this fall. He will not, however, sever connection with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

John B. Andrews who received his advanced degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1908, has been appointed as expert, United States Bureau of Labor, in investigating the history of women's trade unions.

Prof. Johannes Conrad of the University of Halle, who has had a large number of American students follow his courses during the last thirty years, and who has frequently taken a close personal interest in them, will celebrate the seventieth anniversary of his birth, in February, 1909. It has been suggested by a number of his former students in this country that some formal and concerted action be taken concerning this event, and a committee is about to be formed for this purpose. Meanwhile, those interested in the movement are requested to communicate at once with Prof. C. W. A. Veditz, George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

¹ Each number of the BULLETIN will contain a department of Personal and Miscellaneous Notes. These notes will cover recent appointments to academic, governmental and other scientific positions in the field of economics, announcements of scientific investigations being made, of meetings of learned societies, and notices of other events of interest to economists.

The success of this feature of the BULLETIN depends largely upon the support given it by economic students throughout the country; and the editors earnestly solicit the coöperation of all members of the Association. Notes should be sent to the Managing Editor as early as possible, and wherever practicable should be written on the ordinary 3 x 5 index card. The next number of the BULLETIN will go to press about November 1.

The advisory commission appointed by the Cuban government for the purpose has presented to the provisional government as a result of its labors a Project of Municipal Law. It relates to the municipal government of the Island "embracing it as a whole in all the manifestations of local public life." It is the first law of this description which has so far been formulated since the adoption of the Cuban Constitution and it is brought forward as a solution of the numerous problems involved in the fundamental transition from the old colonial régime to that of an independent state.

Alexander E. Cance (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, 1908), has accepted a position in Massachusetts Agricultural College, at Amherst. He will offer courses in agricultural economics, a new departure for that institution; the ultimate purpose being to establish permanently a department of rural economics, both for teaching and graduate research.

Mr. Leland Dale Dorney, a graduate of the University of Michigan, has been elected instructor in economics in the Ohio State University for the year 1908-09. He will have charge of the courses in accounting and practical banking.

Enciclopedia Filipina is the name of a monthly periodical which has recently appeared in Manila and is devoted to the subjects of politics, administration, comparative legislation, history, economics, financial legislation and sociology. The editor is Felipe G. Calderon. It is printed in Spanish.

The following announcement has been issued concerning the First International Congress of Administrative Science to be held at Brussels in 1910:

The object of the Congress "is to unite all those who have any responsibility with regards to public administration and to allow them to examine together the most efficacious methods for obtaining the maximum of results and progress: the comparison of the different processes employed in the entire world will be of the greatest utility. Already a great number of administrations, specialists, functionaries and professors have promised their collaboration to the Congress. National committees of organization (official or

private) are being formed in different countries." Further information may be obtained of the secretaries: M. De Vuyst, inspecteur principal au Ministère de l'Agriculture, 22 avenue des Germains, à Bruxelles (Belgique); or M. Pyfferoen, professeur à l'Université de Gand (Belgique).

Mr. L. C. Gray of the Oklahoma Agricultural College, has been appointed assistant in the department of political economy, at the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Frank H. Hankins of Columbia University has accepted an appointment as assistant professor of economics in Clark College, to succeed Dr. Frederick A. Bushee who has resigned on account of ill health.

Dr. Rockwell D. Hunt, for six years principal of the San José (Cal.) high school, has accepted the position of head of the department of economics and sociology in the University of Southern California.

Dr. Lewis H. Haney, has been granted a year's leave of absence from the University of Iowa, and will serve during the year as assistant professor of political economy at the University of Michigan.

Announcement is made of the First International Congress of Agricultural Associations and Vital Statistics to be held at Brussels in September, 1910, in connection with the universal exposition of that year. The Congress will be divided into ten sections for the discussion of economic and social problems relating to every phase of agriculture.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science is seriously considering the proposition of holding its summer session of 1910 at Honolulu, and it has been suggested by a number of persons that the American Economic Association hold a summer meeting there at the same time.

The International Congress on Tuberculosis to be held in Washington, D. C., September 21–October 12, 1908, promises to bring

together a large number of notable men and women from every part of the world. The economic aspect of this question has of late been more and more brought into the foreground, and it is significant to observe in this cause the cordial coöperation of many physicians and economists. Mr. John M. Glenn, vice-president of the American Economic Association and several other members of the Association, are on the committee in charge of the Congress.

The interest of economists in the subject of public health may be observed also in the activities of The Committee of One Hundred appointed by Section I of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, on Federal Regulation of Public Health. The President of the Committee is Irving Fisher, professor of economics in Yale University; other economists who are members of the Committee are W. H. Allen, J. G. Brooks, J. F. Crowell, E. T. Devine, F. H. Giddings, A. T. Hadley, C. R. Henderson, J. W. Jenks, S. M. Lindsay, H. R. Seager and A. F. Weber. The Committee is doing admirable work in the education of public sentiment on the subject of social measures for safeguarding the public health.

There has just been established in Germany a new annual dealing with German colonial problems, the *Jahrbuch über die deutschen Kolonien*. It is published at Essen by G. D. Bödecker.

A. S. Johnson has resigned his professorship at the University of Nebraska to accept the professorship of economics in the University of Texas.

Dr. George B. Mangold has accepted the position of assistant director of the St. Louis School of Philanthropy. He will also be instructor in sociology in the University of Missouri. Dr. Mangold was formerly instructor in sociology in the University of Pennsylvania, and has recently been engaged in research work for the United States Bureau of Labor.

Prof. W. C. Mitchell of the University of California is to lecture for the coming academic year at Harvard, taking the place of

Prof. A. P. Andrew who goes abroad in connection with his work for the Congressional Monetary Commission. Prof. H. A. Millis of Stanford University takes a year's leave of absence, and succeeds Professor Mitchell as superintendent of the United States Immigration Commission's Investigation into immigration on the Pacific coast.

The Second International Tax Conference on State and Local Taxation will be held at Toronto, Canada, October 6th-9th, 1908, under the auspices of the National Tax Association. Invitations have been issued by the Premier and President of the Council of Ontario, and the preliminary program outlines a wide and interesting field for discussion. The objects of the Association are expressed as follows: "To formulate and announce, through the deliberately expressed opinion of an annual conference, the best informed economic thought and administrative experience available for the correct guidance of public opinion, legislative and administrative action on all questions pertaining to state and local taxation, and to interstate and international comity in taxation." Inquiries should be addressed to Allan R. Foote, President, National Tax Association, Columbus, O.

The National Municipal League will issue during the autumn (through the press of G. P. Putnam's Sons) an exposition of the principles of the municipal program of the National Municipal League, by Horace E. Deming. Since 1894 the League has given attention to this problem. In 1900 it published the results of its considerations in a volume entitled *The Municipal Program* which has been widely used by students and statesmen. This new volume is a restatement and exposition of the principles enumerated in the *Program* and elaborated and expounded by the League during the past decade.

The League has announced as the subject for its prize essay in 1909, A Study of the Practical Operations of Government in Some Large American City. The prize is \$100. Inquiries may be addressed to Prof. W. B. Munro, Cambridge, Mass.

There has been appointed by the League a representative committee to consider the question of publishing a municipal review

or reviving *Municipal Affairs*, formerly published by the Reform Club of New York, which suspended publication five or six years ago. William B. Howland, publisher of the *Outlook*, is chairman. The teachers are represented by Prof. W. B. Munro, of Harvard University, and Prof. L. S. Rowe of the University of Pennsylvania. Current journalism is represented by Norman Hapgood, of *Collier's Weekly*; Frederick Roy Martin, editor of the *Providence Journal*, and Mr. Howland.

The following note printed in the August number of the *Quarterly Journal of Economics* will interest all readers of the Bulletin.

"With the completion of the present volume (1907-08) the *Quarterly Journal of Economics* will cease to print lists of current publications on economics. The maintenance of such a bibliography has lately been undertaken by others, and has more particularly become a chief object of the *Economic Bulletin* issued by the American Economic Association. The editors willingly resign to other hands this laborious but useful task.

"Beginning with volume XXIII (1908-09), the *Quarterly Journal of Economics* will conduct a department of reviews. In this department it is proposed to publish careful and, if called for, extended discussions of important new works. It is proposed also to publish from time to time surveys of the recent literature on a given topic or group of allied topics. These surveys will take note not only of the individual publications, but of the general trend of theory and research."

Benjamin M. Rastall, during the past year expert in the Department of Labor, Albany, New York, has been appointed instructor in the University of Minnesota.

Horace Secrist, instructor in political economy in the University of Utah, has accepted an instructorship in the University of Wisconsin.

The June meeting of the Société d'Économie Politique of Paris was made notable by the presence of the Political and Economic Circle of London as guests of the Society. Several excursions to points of economic interest were arranged, among them a visit to the birthplace of Quesnay, where addresses on the life of Quesnay

and the character of his works, were made by M. Schelle, and M. Yves Guyot. On the second day of the meeting a visit was made to the tomb of Turgot, followed by short addresses upon his life and economic influence. The whole affair was conducted with admirable taste, and the members present expressed the hope that this exchange of visits might not be the last of the kind.

Economic and social instruction in technical schools was the subject of discussion at the July meeting of the Société d'Économie Politique. The leading speaker, M. Maurice Bellom, professor of industrial economics at the School of Mines, contrasted the course of study and methods of instruction in France, Germany and the United States. In France the instruction in economics is given by a special staff in the technical school and the course of study is required. In the United States, on the contrary, instruction is generally given by the university department of economics, and is optional. M. Bellom outlined a course of study which he thought in a general way suitable for engineers who were likely to be directors and managers of industrial plants and railway companies. An interesting discussion followed.

Helen L. Sumner (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, 1908), has been appointed as expert, United States Bureau of Labor, in the investigation of women in industry.

The Tariff Reform Committee of the Reform Club, 42 Broadway, New York City, of which Byron W. Holt is chairman, is endeavoring by non-partisan means to develop the tariff reform sentiment of the country. A series of letters on the evils of the present tariff system is being published in the daily and weekly press of the country.

Dr. M. S. Wildman, assistant professor of economics in the University of Missouri, delivered a course of ten lectures during the spring to the St. Louis chapter of the American Institute of Banking on economics as applied to money and credit.

Allyn A. Young has been promoted from associate professor and acting head of the department of economics at Stanford University to professor of economics and executive head of the department.

Professor John J. McNulty, of the College of the City of New York, was instantly killed in an elevator accident at New York City on the eighth of May.

Professor McNulty was well-known to all of the older, active, members of the American Economic Association. During the decade from 1890 to 1900, he was a regular attendant at the Association's annual meetings, and a frequent and an able participant in its discussions.

John J. McNulty was born in New York City in 1861, and in that city he spent his whole life. He was graduated from the College of the City of New York in 1881. He pursued advanced courses in political science at Columbia, receiving his master's degree, and in philosophy at New York University, receiving his doctor's degree.

After teaching some years in the New York City public schools, he was elected tutor of philosophy in the College of the City of New York, in 1890. In 1895, he was promoted to be professor and head of the department of moral and intellectual philosophy, which position he held at the time of his death.

Although he had written little for publication, he was a master of the literatures of his favorite subjects. He had collected one of the largest and best private libraries of political science and of philosophy to be found in New York, and he never was more happy than when among his books. He was no mere collector. He read widely and to a purpose. His class-room work was always vital, with ready and suggestive illustrations, flowing freely from his seemingly exhaustless resources.

His loss is felt keenly, both by his students with whom he was a favorite professor, and by his faculty colleagues, who had found him to be a wise counsellor.
